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How Los Angeles Still Continues to Grow.

## PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

Magnificent Residences—Cosy Cottages—Fine Business Blocks.

Just now one hears but little of "the building boom" in Los Angeles. Three years ago the newspapers were full almost every day with a list of new buildings at some stage of progress from the plans in the architect's office to the occupying of the completed premises. The unreflecting or unobservant might be led by the silence of the moment to think that there was now little or no work going on in the erection of new buildings. Such a conclusion is an egregious blunder. A walk of a few miles in almost any direction in the city will correct such an impression. At an earlier date in this phenomenal growth of the city a great deal of the construction of new edifices was under the nose of all who passed by. A very large part of it was within a mile or two of the city center, and the new undertakings in this line were easily counted. Not so to-day. Los Angeles city embraces within its boundaries an area of thirty-six square miles. For more than a mile from its center in all directions the great rise of real estate has put new lots out of the reach of all but the well-to-do, or the absolutely wealthy. Consequently people of moderate means have been edged further from the center of the city. Out to the very periphery of the corporate limits, and in many cases even beyond the boundaries, building is in progress. Right here in the city the city of the Wilson building, on First street, is well along towards the top of the walls for the first story. It is a solid structure of large dimensions and will cost some \$60,000. The Sentosa brick building, on Upper Main street, is almost completely externally. It is a two-story building, two stories, and will add much to the appearance of that street. It will probably cost \$100,000. The same street the Plater warehouse, a brick structure, one story, of about 600 feet front and 200 deep, has the walls up and the trusses of the roof on. At the corner of First street and Hill, Dr. Wheeler's new house is all up as to the outer walls. The roof will be on this week. As a guess, perhaps the building may be said to cost \$50,000. On the corner of Hill and Second streets, the boarding house of Mr. F. J. Gilmore has the foundations of brick all laid. The lots are on the corner of Hill and Second streets, and will be surrounded by a wide veranda on two sides—the east and south. It will cost about \$10,000, and will be an imposing structure. On a thoroughfare rapidly taking the place among the leading streets of the city.

Along Temple street, between the Flower street crossing and that of Texas street, there are not less than ten new residences either just completed or ready for occupancy. On the streets crossing Temple, and not more than two blocks off that road, there are at least as many more. In all these cases the statement would prove true. There are at all times a great many new houses being built, and the number of new houses is increasing. Few of these were built at the lower figure. The majority are much more pretentious structures, ranging at \$25,000 to \$50,000 each.

Near the terminus of the Second street cable road there are some twenty new houses now preparing for the occupants. Several of these are very striking in their appearance. They will cost all the way up to \$75,000 each. On Hope street near Temple two or three handsome new houses have just been finished. Not far from the Normal school on the same street, there are two new houses nearly finished. The lots on which these are being built have been heretofore looked upon as too precipitous and too difficult of access to attract attention, but they command a good view and are near the center of the city and found a ready sale.

On Bunker Hill avenue there are some half a score of houses under construction, occupied, building or about to be begun. Go into any part of the city and the same facts will strike the eye. East Los Angeles is still growing. Boyle Heights is filling up as fast as the city of Los Angeles. The city of Southern California the erection of new houses is a matter of weekly occurrence. There are to-day probably little short of 200 new houses under construction. The city is full of people, and as fast as a house is built it is occupied. Indeed in a majority of cases they are built for those who intend to occupy them and not to rent.

The Millar brick building on Fort street, between First and Second, was forgotten until this morning. It is a two-story edifice, the lower floor of which will be used for a store, or some sort of business. It is probably costing \$12,000.

The prospect for the summer is excellent. Mr. A. S. McDonald proposes to put up three good houses on Second street, between Bunker Hill and Avenue of Hope. Second street is being graded now. The Dayton building, corner of Spryng and First, will be begun soon. The contract is let to erect a handsome residence for Hon. S. M. White on the corner of Main and Second streets.

It will cost about \$10,000. On New High, corner of Temple, Messrs. Smith, Wilcox and Beach will soon put up a three-story building of brick, 65,000 feet. Adjoining this, facing on Temple street, are the Messrs. Stephens, Rayner, Judson and Donnell will put up a similar structure 101x60 feet. The cost of the two will probably \$60,000. There are a great many other schemes on foot that will be carried out by the summer.

A big hotel is certain to be built by some one somewhere in the city. Altogether the season is assured to be a busy one.

**Imported Land Sale.**  
The great sale by Ward Brothers of the beautiful lots in the Conger tract, John G. Ball auctioneer, came off on Tuesday in a most successful manner. A band of music accompanied the scene and a sumptuous lunch was spread for the 500 persons who attended the sale. The sale amounted to \$227,710, with nine lots left unsold on account of the purchasers having to return by the 4 p. m. train. Following is the list of parcels and their prices:

Dr. Miller, lots No. 1, 2, 3, \$475, \$475, \$475; No. 4, \$220; No. 5, \$100; No. 6, \$445; No. 7, \$100; No. 8, \$385; No. 9, \$370; No. 10, \$370; No. 11, \$340; No. 12, \$370; No. 13, \$370; No. 14, \$370; No. 15, \$370; No. 16, \$370; No. 17, \$370; No. 18, \$370; No. 19, \$370; No. 20, \$370; No. 21, \$370; No. 22, \$370; No. 23, \$370; No. 24, \$370; No. 25, \$370; No. 26, \$370; No. 27, \$370; No. 28, \$370; No. 29, \$370; No. 30, \$370; No. 31, \$370; No. 32, \$370; No. 33, \$370; No. 34, \$370; No. 35, \$370; No. 36, \$370; No. 37, \$370; No. 38, \$370; No. 39, \$370; No. 40, \$370; No. 41, \$370; No. 42, \$370; No. 43, \$370; No. 44, \$370; No. 45, \$370; No. 46, \$370; No. 47, \$370; No. 48, \$370; No. 49, \$370; No. 50, \$370; No. 51, \$370; No. 52, \$370; No. 53, \$370; No. 54, \$370; No. 55, \$370; No. 56, \$370; No. 57, \$370; No. 58, \$370; No. 59, \$370; No. 60, \$370; No. 61, \$370; No. 62, \$370; No. 63, \$370; No. 64, \$370; No. 65, \$370; No. 66, \$370; No. 67, \$370; 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